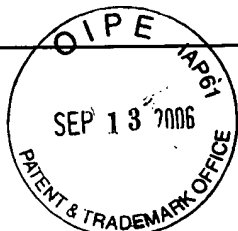


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RESPONSE

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 13, 2006, in which all of the pending claims (6-21) were rejected. The specific rejections made by the Examiner, and the Applicant's response to those rejections, are set forth below, first in summary, then in detail.

SUMMARY

Claims 6-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 07-308310 (the '310 publication) in view of Slavin (USP 4,489,610) and Delisle (USP 3,809,811). This rejection is traversed on the following bases:

- (1) The prima facie case of obviousness has not been properly established.
 - (a) There is no suggestion or motivation in the record to modify the teachings of the '310 publication in the manner claimed based on the teachings of Slavin.